

the drug contained in the outermost layer, is dispersed in a carrier comprising a biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material, and in which the outermost and inner layer(s) are concentrically located in diametral direction of a rod-like preparation, both or one of the ends in axial direction are open so as to directly come into contact with the environment and the outermost layer directly contacts with the environment in the diametrical direction.

2. (Amended) A preparation as claimed in claim 1 wherein a layer consisting of only biologically non-degradable hydrophobic polymer material exists between the inner layers in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed and the outermost layer, or between two inner layers in which a water-soluble drug is dispersed.

5. (Twice Amended) A preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the outermost layer or inner layer(s) contains two or more drugs.

7. (Amended) A preparation as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the outermost layer or inner layer(s) contains two or more drugs.